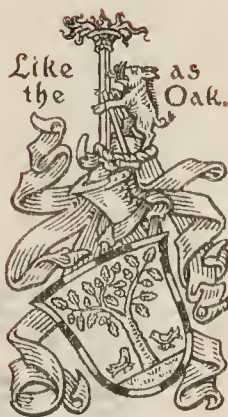


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# TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Mr Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1957 prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/58.

## **Infectious Diseases**

During the year 526 cases of infectious diseases were notified. Of this number 115 were whooping cough and 351 measles. For the twelfth year in succession no case of diphtheria was reported and in the whole of England and Wales only four deaths were recorded during the year.

## **Mass Miniature Radiography**

During the year the East Sussex Radiography Unit visited six parishes within the Uckfield rural district, and the findings can be seen in table VIII on page 15.

Great assistance was given in advertising the Unit's visits by local doctors, nurses, W.V.S., Clerks of the Parish Councils and shopkeepers, and I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of their co-operation.

Arrangements for publicity made by this Department included the provision of small posters, suitable for shop windows and club notice boards, but experience proved the value of larger posters affixed to prominent hoardings. Permission was obtained to use these hoardings and a local artist was commissioned to design posters.

While the detection of pulmonary tuberculosis is the chief objective of mass miniature radiography, the figures show that other lesions of the lungs, heart and great vessels, are discovered by its means, often at an early stage.

With the patient's consent, information is at once sent to the general practitioner concerned. Treatment instituted in diseases so detected has a much higher probability of success.

## **Food Hygiene**

Visits have been made to the establishments concerned to ensure that they comply with the requirements and that they are conducted in a satisfactory manner. In general it was found that the premises, equipment and personnel were maintained in a satisfactory condition of hygiene.

Further improvements have been secured in the display of unwrapped foodstuffs and in training staff in the hygienic handling of food. In the latter respect it is felt that much good could be brought about by members of the public if they were to complain on the spot to the persons concerned when dirty practices are seen. Such action would very soon bring them into line.

However, it is satisfactory to report that food-handlers are usually willing to co-operate and during the year it was not found necessary to resort to legal action.

## **Housing**

### **UNFIT HOUSES**

The ten year programme of inspections for the discovery of houses unfit for human habitation has made good progress. While no areas have been

scheduled for slum clearance, individual unfit properties have been dealt with under the provisions of Section 9 and 16 of the Housing Act 1957.

The following figures show the number of properties for which Undertakings were received not to let for human habitation until made fit, or where Demolition Orders were issued by the Council:—

						No. OF PROPERTIES
April 1955 to March 1956	...	...	...	...	...	34
„ 1956 „ „ 1957	...	...	...	...	...	56
„ 1957 „ „ 1958	...	...	...	...	...	77
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During the year eleven unfit houses were demolished and eighteen made fit for occupation, the latter sometimes with the help of an Improvement Grant.

Table XVIII shows the work of the Public Health Inspectors in the inspection of dwellinghouses, and the progress in securing the repair and improvement to dwellinghouses is demonstrated in table XIX.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The introduction of the Housing Act 1949 made possible, by the provision of financial assistance, the improvement of existing houses on terms which were reasonable both to owners and tenants.

Owners of older houses without fixed baths, hot water supplies, indoor sanitation, food stores and other modern amenities were encouraged to repair their houses, and to make application for Improvement Grants, as it was realised that such properties were well on the way to permanent unfitness.

There was, however, little response during the early years of the scheme ; but from the figures given below it will be seen that the volume of applications increased as time went on :—

YEAR	No. OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED					
1949	...	...	...	...	...	—
1950	...	...	...	...	...	—
1951	...	...	...	...	...	1
1952	...	...	...	...	...	—
1953	...	...	...	...	...	10
1954	...	...	...	...	...	42
1955	...	...	...	...	...	77
1956	...	...	...	...	...	69
1957 (part)	...	...	...	...	...	34

By far the greatest number of applications were received from the owners of cottages tenanted by agricultural workers. These numbered 107 compared with 64 from owners of privately tenanted houses and 62 from owner/occupiers.

The Council decided in September to discontinue temporarily the payment of Improvement Grants and until that time the total expenditure approved by them amounted to £54,038.

Twenty-two applications were withdrawn and in a further seven cases grants already given have been repaid to the Council.

The work of preparing schemes for Council approval and for close supervision of building operations on their behalf, was undertaken personally by the Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. A. J. Williams.

He was able, from his wide experience of this work, to give invaluable advice to owners seeking to improve their property and to ensure the expenditure of the Grant to the best advantage.



## COUNCIL HOUSING

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. M. Maddox, B.Sc., M.S.H.M.

### Applications for Housing

The total number of applications for housing accommodation remained fairly constant throughout the year, averaging 750.

Priority is normally given to applicants living under the following conditions :—

1. Sharing a house with relatives or living in lodgings.
2. Occupying a tied cottage and under notice to leave for the following reasons :—
  - (a) The wage earner has reached retiring age.
  - (b) The wage earner is no longer able to carry out his employment for health reasons.
3. Families occupying a house with an insufficient number of bedrooms.

The total number of such priority cases averaged 350 during the year.

The large majority of applicants on the waiting list needing rented accommodation had to rely upon the Council for assistance. Private houses when they become empty, are not often re-let; the majority being sold. In view of the low wages in a rural district, there are not many families on the waiting list who are in a position to buy a house. Some tenants and applicants find it difficult to obtain suitable work in the district and move to other areas where they can obtain regular work with higher wages.

### Occupants of Unfit Houses

Priority was given during the year to families living in houses unfit for occupation and a total number of 33 such families were re-housed in new houses and vacancies. At the close of the year 73 families (190 persons) awaited re-housing.

### Vacancies in Council Houses

A few tenants of Council houses built their own houses and moved away ; others moved to another district or emigrated to the Dominions. A very few found private accommodation in the district. The total number of vacancies during the year was 55.

### Improvements to Pre-War Council Houses

The Council continued its policy of improving pre-war Council houses, and the provision of a hot water supply and renewal of out-of-date fittings was carried out in 93 houses during the year.

### Public Slaughterhouse, Uckfield

On the 5th July, 1954, when rationing and the controlled distribution of meat were discontinued, the District Council became responsible for ensuring that adequate facilities were available for slaughtering animals for food.

Premises at Uckfield formerly controlled by the Ministry of Food were acquired, so that established facilities might be continued.

The slaughterhouse was closed on the 6th August, 1957, the Council having decided that such facilities were no longer required.

I am, Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

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TABLE I

## VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	112,096 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	43,380
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.39
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/58)	...	...	...	...	...	13,711
Rateable Value (at 1/4/58)	...	...	...	...	...	£573,496
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 31/3/58)...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,245

## Births and Deaths.

Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	12.84	Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	15.53	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	16.10	
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	11.85	
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	9.24	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.50	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	17.95

## Live Births.

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	289	255	544
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	13
Total live births	...	...	...	...	...	<u>296</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>557</u>

## Infant Deaths and Still Births.

Deaths under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	7	3	10
„ „ 4 weeks „ „	...	...	...	...	7	3	10
Still Births	...	...	...	...	4	5	9

## Causes of Death.

ses of Death.						Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis (respiratory) ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Tuberculosis (other) ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	...	...	...	...	...	10	7	17
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus ...	...	...	...	...	...	14	4	18
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	13	13
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	...	...	...	...	...	21	23	44
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1

TABLE I (continued)

							<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	55	101
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	28	73
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	10
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	41	78
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	13	30
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	10
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	5	14
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	5	14
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	6
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	19	32
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	13
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>264</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>514</u>

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1942-1957

TABLE II

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births.							Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate					M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total											
1942	40,750	301	274	575	36	33	69	15.80	244	294	538	17	12	29	45.03	106		
1943	39,360	296	263	559	47	53	100	16.74	255	319	574	14	8	22	33.38	85		
1944	37,200	309	269	578	74	62	136	19.19	247	278	525	13	8	21	29.41	189		
1945	36,830	230	216	446	67	59	126	15.53	255	277	532	12	7	19	33.21	40		
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	13	6	19	26.13	218		
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	19	9	28	40.35	149		
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	7	3	10	15.63	138		
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	8	8	16	27.92	48		
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	5	8	13	22.60	36		
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	5	11	16	27.60	6		
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	9	8	17	31.19	—		
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	7	5	12	22.86	23		
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	4	5	9	16.21	—		
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	8	8	16	32.00	—		
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	8	5	13	24.67	—		
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	7	3	10	17.95	43		



POPULATION FIGURES, 1947-1957. Estimated

PARISH	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
BUXTED	2,008	2,041	2,064	2,066	2,379	2,435	2,435	2,437	2,454	2,461	2,449
CROWBOROUGH	6,389	6,502	6,577	6,585	7,375	7,423	7,588	7,667	7,638	7,562	7,324
DANEHILL	1,208	1,230	1,244	1,245	1,290	1,282	1,282	1,268	1,262	1,261	1,237
FLETCHING	1,062	1,082	1,094	1,095	1,062	1,051	1,004	992	1,011	993	1,003
FOREST ROW	3,133	3,188	3,225	3,231	3,356	3,340	3,267	3,330	3,384	3,327	3,360
FRAMFIELD	1,748	1,778	1,799	1,801	1,942	1,946	1,934	1,952	1,913	1,882	1,848
FRANT	1,682	1,711	1,731	1,733	1,515	1,520	1,536	1,525	1,497	1,519	1,538
HADLOW DOWN	956	973	984	985	860	829	811	828	843	860	832
HARTFIELD	2,124	2,161	2,186	2,188	2,128	2,131	2,077	2,095	2,060	2,044	2,038
ISFIELD	497	505	511	512	556	545	554	551	560	525	513
LITTLE HORSTED	246	250	253	254	225	218	214	222	213	213	202
MARESFIELD	2,419	2,463	2,491	2,495	2,853	2,890	2,920	2,965	2,982	2,990	3,015
MAYFIELD	3,227	3,285	3,323	3,327	3,488	3,495	3,544	3,604	3,606	3,525	3,509
ROTHERFIELD	2,957	3,010	3,044	3,047	2,992	2,990	2,930	2,975	2,933	2,847	2,851
UCKFIELD	3,726	3,793	3,836	3,840	3,862	3,918	4,302	4,252	4,341	4,286	4,410
WADHURST	3,953	4,022	4,069	4,074	4,178	4,165	4,143	4,191	4,180	4,136	4,141
WITHYHAM	2,855	2,906	2,939	2,942	3,071	3,082	3,059	3,086	3,123	3,069	3,110
† Totals	40,190	40,900	41,370	42,230	*43,132	43,260	43,600	43,940	44,000	43,500	43,380

\* CENSUS 1951.

† Totals, except 1951, are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.

Population of each parish calculated as follows :—

Registrar General's estimate of population for the District      Number of occupied dwellings

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

TABLE IV

Disease		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	Over 25 years	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER	...	—	—	2	2	1	15	4	—	—	—	24	12
WHOOPING COUGH	...	6	2	8	12	11	56	14	2	2	2	115	—
POLIOMYELITIS—PARALYTIC	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
POLIOMYELITIS—NON-PARALYTIC	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DYSENTERY	...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
MEASLES	...	6	5	28	25	44	187	34	5	8	9	351	—
		Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA	...	2	6	4	2	7	—					21	1
TYPHOID	...	—	—	—	—	—	—					—	—
ERYSIPELAS	...	—	—	—	—	—	—					—	—
*FOOD POISONING	...	—	—	1	2	—	—					3	—
		ALL AGES										11	3
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	...												

\* Analysis of Food Poisoning Notifications.  
1 outbreak involving 3 persons. No Causative agent found.

TABLE V

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1957

PARISH	DISEASE											Totals
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	Poliomyelitis (Non-Para.)	Measles	Pneumonia	Dysentery	Typhoid	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia	
BUXTED ... ..	—	2	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	2	14
CROWBOROUGH ...	—	21	—	—	116	—	—	—	—	—	5	142
DANEHILL ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FLETCHING ... ..	—	—	—	—	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	8
FOREST ROW ... ..	2	7	—	—	20	—	1	—	—	—	1	31
FRAMFIELD ... ..	—	11	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
FRANT ... ..	13	7	—	—	11	5	—	—	—	—	—	36
HADLOW DOWN ...	—	3	—	—	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	13
HARTFIELD ... ..	6	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	3	1	15
ISFIELD ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LITTLE HORSTED ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MARESFIELD ... ..	—	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	29
MAYFIELD ... ..	—	44	—	—	94	7	—	—	—	—	—	145
ROTHERFIELD ... ..	—	8	—	—	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	16
UCKFIELD ... ..	2	2	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
WADHURST ... ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
WITHYHAM ... ..	—	10	—	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	2	25
TOTALS ... ..	24	115	—	—	351	21	1	—	—	3	11	526



TABLE VI

## TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1957

AGE GROUPS.					NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
					Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
					<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0	—	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15	—	...	...	...	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
35	—	...	...	...	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	...	...	...	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	...	...	...	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over		...	...		2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown		...	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS		...	...		10	5	3	2	—	—	—	—

TABLE VII

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1940-1957

YEAR.	NEW CASES				DEATHS				
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total. (All Types).
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1940	13	15	9	2	39	4	1	4	13
1941	24	16	5	7	52	11	8	1	21
1942	12	16	10	3	41	3	5	6	14
1943	20	12	8	6	46	4	4	—	10
1944	10	16	2	5	33	8	4	2	14
1945	14	20	1	4	39	12	9	—	22
1946	14	11	15	4	44	3	4	1	8
1947	10	10	5	5	30	7	7	3	18
1948	19	8	2	5	34	9	5	—	14
1949	21	15	4	6	46	3	4	—	7
1950	20	19	6	9	54	2	—	1	3
1951	22	19	3	6	50	4	4	1	9
1952	25	21	5	4	55	5	3	2	10
1953	27	17	—	2	46	2	1	—	4
1954	27	18	2	3	50	2	—	—	2
1955	5	8	1	3	17	2	2	—	4
1956	4	6	4	2	16	—	3	1	4
1957	10	5	3	2	20	—	—	—	—

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TABLE VIII

	CROWBOROUGH	FOREST ROW	HARTFIELD	MARESFIELD	ROTHERFIELD	UCKFIELD	
	Male Female Total	Male Female Total	Male Female Total	Male Female Total	Male Female Total	Male Female Total	Grand Total
No. of persons X-Rayed	291 390 681	168 188 356	74 104 178	102 111 213	107 118 225	239 320 559	2,212
No. recalled for large Films ...	17 23 40	5 7 12	5 6 11	6 5 11	6 6 12	15 14 29	115
No. found to have Abnormal Large Films ...	11 18 29	1 1 2	2 2 4	3 3 6	2 4 6	9 9 18	65
Analysis of Abnormal Large Films:							
(a) Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	1 — 1	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	1
(b) Inactive Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2 9 11	— — —	1 — 1	2 1 3	1 1 2	1 1 2	19
(c) Malignant Disease	1 — 1	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	— — —	1
(d) Other Diseases of Lung or Pleura	3 4 7	1 1 2	1 2 3	1 2 3	1 — 1	3 4 7	23
(e) Cardio-Vascular Diseases ...	2 3 5	— — —	— — —	— — —	— 1 1	2 1 3	9



**TABLE IX**  
**VACCINATION AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION**

**Vaccination.**

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	443	1
1 year ... ..	21	2
2-4 years ...	24	13
5-14 years ...	26	64
15 years and over	21	225
Total ...	535	305

**Diphtheria Immunisation.**

(a) The following table shows the number of children immunised during 1957, and in addition four hundred and ninety-five children were given boosting doses on entering school or attaining the age of ten.

<i>Age</i>	1957	1956
Under 1 year ...	473	399
1-4 years ...	99	83
5-14 years ...	29	37
Totals ...	601	519

(b) The following tables show the position with regard to Diphtheria Immunisation at 31st December, 1957.

<i>0-15 years of age</i>					
Number on roll	...	...	...	...	8,993
Number immunised	...	...	...	...	8,249
Percentage immunised	...	...	...	...	91.72

<i>0-5 years of age</i>					
Number on roll	...	...	...	...	2,776
Number immunised	...	...	...	...	2,155
Percentage immunised	...	...	...	...	77.62

TABLE IX (continued)

(c) Children five to fourteen years of age attending School :—

School	No. on Register	Number Immunised	Percentages Immunised	
			Dec., 1957	Dec., 1956
Blackham ... ..	39	39	100	100
St. John's, Crowborough ... ..	37	37	100	98.3
Danehill ... ..	128	128	100	100
Fairwarp ... ..	47	47	100	100
Fletching ... ..	63	63	100	98.5
Hammerwood ... ..	26	26	100	100
Little Horsted ... ..	30	30	100	100
Maresfield ... ..	129	129	100	100
Mark Cross ... ..	45	45	100	100
Nutley ... ..	113	113	100	100
Uckfield, R.C. ... ..	218	218	100	100
Wadhurst, R.C. ... ..	26	26	100	100
Withyham ... ..	58	58	100	100
Forest Row ... ..	321	318	99.06	98.2
Wadhurst, V.P. ... ..	294	289	98.33	100
Mayfield, V.P. ... ..	200	196	98.00	97.5
Isfield ... ..	49	48	97.95	100
Groombridge ... ..	189	185	97.88	98.4
Frant ... ..	76	74	97.37	100
Hartfield ... ..	130	126	96.92	98.6
Five Ashes ... ..	61	59	96.71	98.2
Framfield ... ..	72	69	95.83	96.9
Eridge ... ..	70	67	95.71	100
Uckfield, C.E. ... ..	293	279	95.22	96.9
High Hurstwood ... ..	39	37	94.87	96.8
Buxted ... ..	115	109	94.78	96.5
Blackboys ... ..	68	64	94.44	94.1
Hadlow Down ... ..	35	33	94.28	94.2
Sir Henry Fermor ... ..	250	234	93.60	95.1
Whitehill ... ..	282	263	93.20	95.7
Rotherfield ... ..	147	137	93.10	92.9
Jarvis Brook ... ..	36	33	91.66	93.3
Hérons Ghyll, R.C. ... ..	44	40	90.00	93.4
TOTALS ... ..	3,730	3,619	97.24	97.7
Attending County Secondary Schools ...	1,345	1,343	99.85	99.3
Attending Private and Residential Schools	750	750	100	100
Attending Schools outside District ...	233	233	100	100
Schools Unknown ... ..	159	159	100	100

TABLE X

## AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE

Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in  
the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
<b>BUXTED.</b>	
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only) ...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
<b>CHELWOOD GATE.</b>	
Chelworth, Chelwood Gate ...	4th Thursday in each month.
<b>CROWBOROUGH.</b>	
Drill Hall ...	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month.
Wesleyan Hall ...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
<b>CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S.</b>	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only) ...	3rd Wednesday in each month.
<b>DANEHILL.</b>	
Scouts' Hall, Danehill ...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
<b>FAIRWARP AND MARESFIELD.</b>	
Village Hall, Fairwarp ...	1st Wednesday in each month.
<b>FOREST ROW.</b>	
Village Hall ...	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month.
(Ante Natal) ...	3rd Thursday in each month.
<b>FRAMFIELD.</b>	
Church Hall ...	2nd Thursday in each month.
<b>FRANT.</b>	
Village Hall ...	2nd and 4th Fridays in each month.
(Ante Natal) ...	4th Friday in each month.
<b>GROOMBRIDGE.</b>	
The Hut ...	4th Monday in each month.
<b>HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.</b>	
King's Hall, Withyham ...	1st Friday in each month.
<b>MAYFIELD.</b>	
Congregational Church Hall ...	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month.
<b>NUTLEY.</b>	
Mission Hall ...	4th Friday in each month.
<b>ROTHERFIELD.</b>	
British Legion Hut ...	3rd Friday in each month.
<b>UCKFIELD.</b>	
County Clinic ...	1st Tuesday in each month.
(Ante Natal) ...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
<b>WADHURST.</b>	
The Institute ...	1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday in each month.
(Ante Natal) ...	2nd Tuesday in each month.

**Laboratory Facilities.**

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 23506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.



**TABLE X** (*continued*)

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 6 o'clock from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

### **Ambulance Services.**

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the British Red Cross Society, and other voluntary organizations.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234  Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  At all other times Crowborough 882 or 3344	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 967	2
Frant Wadhurst	Monson Road Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 2840	8
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield Hadlow Down	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

TABLE XI

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts ...	3,689
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	314
Visits to factories (with power 83, without power 13) ... ..	96
,,   ,, outworkers' premises ... ..	4
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops ... ..	141
Visits to bakehouses ... ..	17
,,   ,, butchers' shops ... ..	50
,,   ,, slaughterhouses ... ..	168
,,   ,, knackers' yards ... ..	3
,,   ,, fish frying premises ... ..	4
,,   ,, food premises ... ..	317
,,   ,, ice-cream premises ... ..	15
,,   ,, licensed premises ... ..	85
,,   ,, shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950) ... ..	50
,,   ,, hop-pickers' lodgings ... ..	9
Visits in connection with tents, vans and sheds ... ..	26
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, infectious diseases ... ..	78
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, water supplies ... ..	127
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, rats and mice destruction ... ..	2,844
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, schools ... ..	24
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, public conveniences, halls, etc. ... ..	3
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, civil defence ... ..	9
Miscellaneous visits ... ..	390
Interviews ... ..	201
No. of drain tests carried out ... ..	118
,,   ,, water samples taken ... ..	49
,,   ,, milk samples taken ... ..	84
,,   ,, ice-cream samples taken ... ..	8
,,   ,, premises disinfected and disinfested ... ..	24
,,   ,, preliminary notices served ... ..	249
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, complied with ... ..	128
,,   ,, statutory notices served ... ..	13
,,   ,,   ,,   ,, complied with ... ..	11

TABLE XII

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators between the 1st of April, 1957 and the 31st March, 1958.

	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received ... ..	163	127
No. of premises infested ... ..	125	124
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry	56	21
No. of premises treated by the occupier ... ..	9	9
No. of dwellings disinfested :		
(a) Dwellinghouses ... ..	114	107
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips) ... ..	33	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...	6	12
(d) Food premises ... ..	2	6
(e) Agricultural premises ... ..	11	7
(f) Schools ... ..	1	7
Total number of visits ... ..	2,844	



TABLE XIII

### FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Ninety-six visits were made to factories during the year ; of these eighty-three were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

*Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.*

PREMISES.	NO. ON REGISTER.	INSPEC- TIONS.	NOTICES.	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	41	13	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	143	83	8	-
TOTAL ... ..	184	96	8	-

*Cases in which defects were found.*

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED.
	FOUND.	REMEDIED.	REFERRED.		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR.	By H.M. INSPECTOR.	
Want of cleanliness ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors - ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	8	3	-	4	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ... ..	8	3	-	4	-

TABLE XIV

## WATER SUPPLIES

## Water Sampling.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Crowborough District Water Company ...	6	6	—
South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead	9	9	—
Uckfield Rural District Council ... ..	11	11	—
Weir Wood Water Board ... ..	4	4	—
Private Supplies ... ..	2	2	—
Springs and Wells ... ..	17	9	8
TOTALS ... ..	49	41	8

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead.

East Surrey Water Company.

## Water Main extensions laid by the Council during 1957.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Yards linear</i>	<i>Total yards linear</i>
Danehill	Extension of 3" main to serve " West Watch."	205	305
	Extension of 2" main to serve Collingford Farm	100	
Fletching	Extension of 3" main to serve " Lychgate "	125	125
	Guest House ... ..		
Framfield	Extension of 3" main to serve " Preston Grove "	33	33
Isfield	Extension of 2" main to serve Buckham Hill House ... ..	400	572
	Extension of 3" main to serve Beeches Farm, Isfield ... ..	172	
		TOTAL	1,035

TABLE XV

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1957

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
UCKFIELD R.D.C. ... ..	Danehill	13	366	1,158
	Fletching	29	202	639
	Framfield	12	496	1,569
	Hartfield	11	556	1,759
	Isfield	7	169	534
	Little Horsted	—	14	44
	Maresfield	25	801	2,534
	Uckfield	40	1,338	4,233
	Withyham	1	*	—
	(Blackham)			
CROWBOROUGH DISTRICT WATER COMPANY	Buxted	12	666	2,107
	Crowborough	73	2,410	7,625
	Frant	6	327	1,034
	Hadlow Down	1	233	737
	Mayfield	19	995	3,148
	Rotherfield	8	839	2,654
	Wadhurst	13	1,196	3,784
	Withyham	14	898	2,841
SOUTH EASTERN GAS BOARD, EAST GRINSTEAD	Forest Row	27	880	2,784
BOROUGH OF ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS	Frant	—	*	—

\* Included in the total for Crowborough District Water Company.



TABLE XVI

## FOOD PREMISES

*The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district.*

Bakehouses	...	...	...	13
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	38
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	36
Greengrocers	...	...	...	22
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	132
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	99
Restaurants	...	...	...	56
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	10
Registered Dairy Premises	...	...	...	27

*Improvements at Food Premises during 1957*

Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Preparation tables renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food storage facilities improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Display counters improved or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Accommodation for clothing provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sanitary accommodation decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

**Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.**

*The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.*

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	35
Fried Fish Shops	..	...	6
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	194

Eight samples of ice-cream taken during the year were reported by the bacteriologist to be satisfactory.

TABLE XVII

## MEAT INSPECTION

During the year one hundred and sixty-eight visits were made to the slaughterhouse at Uckfield. In the following table is a summary of the animals inspected and carcasses condemned during the year.

<i>Carcases inspected and meat Condemned</i>					
<i>Total No. of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected</i> ... ..	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Sows</i>
	284	67	385	610	37
<i>All diseases except Tuberculosis :</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	2	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	47	—	4	13	—
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than Tuberculosis ... ..	16.5%	—	1.0%	2.5%	—
<i>Tuberculosis only :</i>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	4	—	—	6	2
Percentage of the number inspected with Tuberculosis ...	1.5%	—	—	1.0%	5.5%

No carcasses, parts of carcasses or organs were condemned on account of cysticercosis.

The total weight of meat condemned was 10 cwts. 0 qrs. 2½ lb. and in addition the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

300 lbs. of tinned food	blown or decomposed.
42 lbs. of fish	decomposed.
2½ lbs. of cereals	mite infested.
62¼ lbs. of confectionery	damaged by water.
566¼ lbs. of meat (other than condemned at the slaughterhouse)	decomposed or bone taint.

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps or, where suitable, used for animal food. Meat surrendered at the Slaughterhouse is disposed of to a firm of soap manufacturers.

TABLE XVIII

## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ... ..	690
	(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	3,613
2.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	76
3.		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	198

## Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers ... ..	96
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## Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	5
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners ... ..	3
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	9
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1957) ... ..	7
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	2
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	—
	(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	8
	(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	16
	(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners ... ..	76



TABLE XIX

## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past four years :—

	1954	1955	1956	1957
<i>Internal.</i>				
Damp floors remedied ... ..	42	79	99	117
Damp walls remedied ... ..	53	100	120	169
Floors relaid or repaired ... ..	66	104	151	210
Walls repaired or cleansed ... ..	123	233	349	558
Ceilings repaired or cleansed ... ..	86	199	303	407
Ceiling heights increased ... ..	19	22	38	71
Lighting improved ... ..	38	76	97	148
Ventilation improved ... ..	41	83	105	196
Windows repaired or renewed ... ..	77	107	135	250
Doors repaired or renewed ... ..	29	42	47	82
Woodwork repaired or renewed ... ..	13	38	19	60
Flues and fireplaces repaired ... ..	15	28	31	53
Cooking stoves repaired or provided ... ..	25	38	48	55
Washing coppers repaired or provided ... ..	6	3	5	3
Food stores repaired or provided ... ..	24	42	76	70
Staircases repaired ... ..	13	31	37	51
Sinks provided or renewed ... ..	26	47	72	73
Sink wastes trapped or provided ... ..	15	22	55	71
Baths and wash basins provided ... ..	17	67	85	91
Hot water systems provided ... ..	21	58	91	86
Artificial lighting provided ... ..	5	28	37	50
Fuel stores provided ... ..	4	25	28	51
<i>External.</i>				
Walls repaired ... ..	35	53	67	96
Roofs repaired ... ..	29	51	78	86
Chimney stacks repaired ... ..	22	50	54	79
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired ... ..	35	50	72	89
Paving provided or repaired ... ..	9	40	38	42
Dustbins provided or renewed ... ..	3	2	5	7
Accumulations removed ... ..	3	1	4	7
<i>Drainage.</i>				
New systems provided ... ..	30	45	54	64
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed ... ..	51	56	73	71
W.C.s provided ... ..	59	79	82	72
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided ... ..	42	36	22	29
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s ... ..	17	35	13	4
E.C.s repaired or improved ... ..	—	2	—	7
<i>Water Supply.</i>				
Main supply provided ... ..	24	8	17	13
Wells repaired, improved or provided ... ..	3	1	3	2

TABLE XX  
HOUSES BUILT DURING 1957

During the year fifty-nine cottages, sixteen flats and three bungalows were built on behalf of the Council and one hundred and twenty-two houses were completed by private enterprise.

The following table shows the parishes where Council houses were completed.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>* Type of dwelling</i>	<i>No. of families accommodated</i>	<i>Total families accommodated</i>
CROWBOROUGH ...	C E G L N Flats Bungalows	4 2 1 5 2 4 2	20
FLETCHING ...	A C D	1 1 1	3
FOREST ROW ...	C L Flats	1 2 4	7
FRANT ... ..	C	2	2
HARTFIELD ...	C L	1 2	3
ISFIELD ... ..	C	2	2
MARESFIELD ...	C L	1 2	3
MAYFIELD ...	E C	2 2	4
UCKFIELD ...	C D E G L N †Flats	7 2 2 2 2 6 8	29
WADHURST ...	C E Bungalow	2 2 1	5
59 cottages, 16 flats, 3 bungalows			TOTAL 78

*\*Key to type of dwelling.*

A.	3 bedrooms	6 persons
C and G.	2 „	4 „
D, E, L and N.	3 „	5 „

*Blocks of flats* comprise the following types :—

Ground floor	1 bedroom	2 persons
1st and 2nd floors	2 „	4 „
Marked with †		
All floors	1 „	2 „

*Bungalows*

1 bedroom	2 persons
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